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THE MINT DIRECTOR'S PRONOUNCEMENTS: President's Message

Dear Fellow Members:

Hello Again!

This is my final President's Message to you and by the time, you are reading this, our Association will have a new President: MIKE STANLEY, of Concord, California. Best-of-Luck To Him!

I hope that everyone took the time to mail-in their ballots, for I was disappointed that there were not more Officer nominations this year. Our Association needs more, much more, member participation to stay 'alive'.

Almost every NCNA HEADS AND TAILS Issue mentions an upcoming Board of Directors Meeting, inviting our members to attend and to contribute. The reaction could be much improved. So, let's all get involved and help our Association. If you cannot attend a Board of Directors Meeting, at least write to us, the Officers, your thoughts.

On a very bright note, our Association will have another 'Nor-Cal Show' this Summer. I understand publicity has already been mailed, and the 'Just-The-Facts' are listed elsewhere in this Issue.

On a real bright note, I would like to remind all our members that Sacramento, our State's Capital, will be the site for the American Numismatic Association's Annual 1999 National Money Show later this March 12, 13, and 14, 1999, Friday through Sunday. The site is the newly renovated downtown Sacramento Convention Center, at 1400 J Street, at O Street. The hours will be both Friday and Saturday, 10:00am to 6:00pm and Sunday will be 10:00am to 4:00pm. Plus, it is FREE Admission! Our fellow NCNA Club Member, the Sacramento Valley Coin Club, is the Host Club, and many others in our Association have, or will be, involved.

For information, contact the American Numismatic Association, at '818 North Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80903-3279' or telephone '719-643-2646' or FAX '719-643-4085'.

Well, my term now ends, and it doesn't seem that it has been two years! But, it was fun! I'll close wishing all of you a most Happy New Year 1999!

Numismatically Yours,

Gordon R. Donnell  
Your 1997-1998 President



THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends:

1999. Yes, it is one year *closer* to the Millennium. Yes, it is the *first* year of eight years of circulated commemorative Quarter Dollars. Yes, it could *the* year that the Niners do go-all-the-way, and Yes, *those* 'three 9s' do mean longevity.

1999. Yes, it is but one more final year for this Century, the Twentieth (20th) Century.

1999. Yes, for us all it is but more year in our life and living, and

1999. Yes, it is yet another year.

However, this year--this year with those 'three 9s'--holds special and historic significance for our coin hobby here in northern California.

However, this year--this year closer to the Century *and* Millennium--has a measure in time and place important to and for our coin hobby here in northern California, and

However, this year--this year with its first circulated commemorative Quarter Dollars--needs not to be forgot by our coin hobby here in northern California.

In fact, this year is not just for us, here in northern California, but all coin hobbyists and coin clubs across our Golden State and around our Great Republic.

For this year, this 1999, three local coin clubs shall commemorate, celebrate, and enjoy milestone anniversaries: the august Pacific Coast Numismatic Society (PCNS), of San Francisco, California, founded in 1915, will commemorate its One Thousand (1000th) Meeting--yes, one thousand--this July; the Redwood Empire Coin Club, of Santa Rosa, California, will celebrate its Golden Jubilee, Fiftieth (50th) Anniversary 1949-1999--yes, fifty (50) years--this March, and the Vallejo Numismatic Society will enjoy its Forty-Fifth (45th) Anniversary--being the younger compatriot of the three--this April.

These anniversaries--*and those before of others and those yet to come*--have meaning and significance to us all in this coin hobby: to us here now, to others before, and those yet to be part of our coin hobby.

Why?

These anniversaries confirm, in fact and truth, that our coin hobby can, does, and shall survive, stand, and even succeed.

These anniversaries prove that all the changes--wars, economic uncertainty, new additions into our communities, the rapid pace of modern life and living, and whatever attacks and distracts--are not, have not, and cannot diminish the power of 'The Hobby of Kings and the King of Hobbies'.

These anniversaries are not alone. These are not just in San Francisco, Santa Rosa, or Vallejo; rather, wherever the coin hobby triumphs, it is cause, it is right, and it is just to share in the achievements, accomplishments, and accolades.

It is for these reasons. Far more, it is for those who--*so many now long gone*--who **made** these anniversaries, and it is for those--*so many unknown to us*--who will **make** future anniversaries. It is least that we never forget those before or those now.

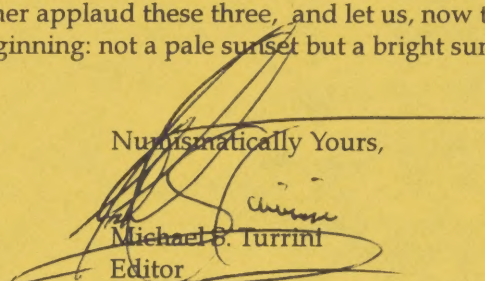
Eloquent Words. True. But, great events and momentous moments require nothing less.

Fond Hopes. True. But, all those before deserve no less, and

Grand Intentions. True. But, all those who this day toil for our hobby must not receive less.

None of us know what the future might, could, or shall hold for these three coin clubs, or whoever, whatever, or even ourselves; yet, let us, now together applaud these three, and let us, now together, resolve that these anniversaries are not an end, but a beginning: not a pale sunset but a bright sunrise, as yesterday, as today, and as always tomorrow.

Numismatically Yours,

  
Michael B. Turrini  
Editor



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GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

1999 NOR-CAL SHOW

Yes, there will be a 'Second (2nd) Annual Nor-Cal Invitational Coin Show'! The 1999 Nor-Cal Show is set for 'July 30, 31, and August 1, 1999', the last weekend in July, at the same site as last year, 'Sheraton Concord Hotel, in downtown Concord, California'. Here are 'Just-The-Facts':

*Second Annual Nor-Cal Invitational Coin Show*

*Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 30, July 31, and August 1, 1999*

Hours: *Friday--12:00pm (Noon) to 7:00pm*

*Saturday--10:00am to 6:00pm, and*

*Sunday--10:00am to 4:00pm*

Admission: *FREE with ample FREE parking!*

Site: *Sheraton Concord Hotel*

*45 John Glenn Drive, off Concord Avenue,  
(adjacent to Concord Airport)*

*Concord, California*

Bourse Coordinator: *Vince Larariere*

*Fremont Coin Gallery*

*3769 Peralta Blvd.*

*Fremont, California 9436-3758*

*'510-792-1511'*

Information/Updates: *Mike Stanley*

*'925-825-0649'*

A much expanded Nor-Cal Show is anticipated for 1999, with collector meetings, Youth Table, possible Saturday evening dinner, drawing, and much more! Bourse Applications will become available this February 1999, and potential exhibitors are also encouraged. Separate publicity mailings have and will continue to be done. More details reported in the May 1999 NCNA HEADS AND TALES. *Mark Your Calendars Today For The Summer 1999 Coin Hobby Event In Northern California!*

1998 OFFICER ELECTION

A total of thirty-two ballots were received by Al Lo, for the NCNA Election, and a Ballot Committee counted and verified these ballots, with the following results (there being no write-ins):

*President--MICHAEL M. STANLEY*

*First Vice-President--FRED G. van den HAAK*

*Second Vice-President--GORDON R. DONNELL*

*Secretary--MICHAEL J. FIORE*

*Treasurer--MICHAEL S. TURRINI*

These five Officers will served for the 1999-2000 term, effective January 1999.

1998 MILLER MEDALS

Our Association's highest and most esteemed honor--*The Miller Medal*--went in 1998 to EDWARD SINS, of San Jose, California and MICHAEL M. STANLEY, of Concord, California. Both gentlemen have long distinguished records of service to the coin hobby. American Numismatic Association President Anthony J. Swiatek bestowed The Miller Medal onto Mr. Stanley last September 26, 1998, and now NCNA Past President Gordon R. Donnell presented The Miller Medal to Mr. Sins last October 14, 1998.



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### NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Will be on "Sunday, February 21, 1999, at 1:00pm--note the day and time change--at *Banchero's Italian Dinners, 20102 Mission Blvd., in Hayward, California*". *Banchero's*, a well-known and popular Italian restaurant for many years, is easy to reach *via I-880 or I-580 to Highway 238 then to East 14th Street or Mission Blvd.* (East 14th Street merges into Mission Blvd. at Highway 238.) *Banchero's* is located *just south of Highway 238, on the left side, driving south*. Its menu is full-dinner style meals. Remember, the Dinner costs are shared between the Association and each attendee. Obviously, this is a new meeting site for the Board of Directors; however, both Individual and Club Members, the latter via its Club Delegate, are welcomed to attend. The Dinner Session begins at 1:00pm, and the Business Session follows after. If you like to attend, please telephone Second Vice-President Gordon R. Donnell at '510-526-0538'.

### 1999 DUES

Yes, It Is Time Again! Enclosed with this January 1999 Issue of NCNA HEADS AND TALES is your Dues Notice. The dues rates remain: \$5.00 for *Individual Members* and \$10.00 for *Club Members*. Prompt Remittance Is Asked and Appreciated. Mail remittance to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'. New Membership Cards will be replied upon payment. *Thank You!*

### 1999 Miller Medal

President Mike Stanley officially now calls for written nominations for this year's Miller Medal. In summary, this '*Ron Miller Memorial Award*'--its official full title--is open to "any active coin hobbyist residing with California at least five (5) years prior with a verified record of service and support--significant and substantial involvement and interest--in numismatics". Continuing, "the criteria shall be: superior, sustained, and significant support and service to numismatics and its coin hobby and/or devotion and dedication, consistent and meritorious, to numismatic organizations", the latter being local coin clubs or the like. These two passages are from the governing Policy for this Miller Medal, adopted January 24, 1994. Written nominations, adhering with this Policy, may be directed to President Stanley at "PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410". The deadline is June 30, 1999, and this deadline is absolute.

For the record, previous Miller Medal recipients have been: Michael S. Turrini, Gordon R. Donnell, Jan D. Henke, O.L. Wallis, Edward Sins, and Michael M. Stanley. Again, Written Nominations Are Welcomed!

### OPEN MEETING FOR OUR ASSOCIATION

The first scheduled Open Meeting for our Association this calendar year will be on '*Sunday, June 27, 1999, at 2:30pm, during the Twenty-Seventh (27th) Annual Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show*'. This Open Meeting will be at this Show's longtime site: Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Tuolumne Street at End North Camino Alto, in Vallejo, California. The meeting will be on the Stage of the Center's Lake Room.

The primary agenda items, at this time, will be final coordination for the 1999 Nor-Cal Show and discussions as to any Miller Medal nominations received. As an enticement to attend this Open Meeting, any Individual Member, or Club Member represented by a Club Delegate, will receive a *free* bronze NCNA medal. This Open Meeting welcomes any and all NCNA Members!

The Vallejo Show has been chosen as one site, because of its convenient location to the current NCNA Officers and others; however, other northern California local coin shows are warmly welcome to invite our Association to gather, either as an Open Meeting or Board of Directors Meeting. The only stipulation is that a distinct room or area must be provided, free of charge. Write to either Your Editor or President Stanley via the Association's 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'.



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## BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club News and Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, and news releases from these following coin clubs. Please send your periodicals and club 'updates' to Your Editor for reporting and inclusion in NCNA HEADS AND TALES. Mail to the post office box given on the cover page. Thanks.

**San Diego Numismatic Society** Although this Society is not a Club Member of our Association, its BULLETIN (the name for its monthly newsletter) Editor DOROTHY BABER has been mailing Your Editor a few complimentary issues. It is nice to read about our mutual hobby in southern California. The current 1998 Officers for this Society are: VIRGINIA BOURKE (who is also an American Numismatic Association (ANA) District Delegate), President, FLOYD MURPHY, Vice-President, KAY LENKER (who is also an American Numismatic Association (ANA) Governor), Secretary, and LARRY BABER, Treasurer. The SDNS BULLETIN Editor is DOROTHY BABER, and the SDNS may be contacted at "PO Box 6909, San Diego, California, 92166-6909". This Society ended 1998 with its Annual Chicken Dinner/Potluck on December 1, 1998, which included a fund-raising White Elephant Auction. Earlier on at November 3, 1998, SDNS Member MIKE SHAW "presented an interesting talk on the seventy-five (75) year clash between Russia [and the former Soviet Union] and India...MIKE had maps and medals to illustrate the talk". The SDNS meets on the 'First Tuesday, at 7:00pm, in the North Park Adult Center, 2719 Howard Street, in San Diego, California'.

**American Numismatic Association** *Attention To All ANA Club Representatives and District Delegates:* The newly appointed Region 8 Coordinator MICHAEL S. 'STAN' TURRINI, who is also NCNA HEADS AND TALES Editor, has called a 'get-a-acquainted gathering' for 'Saturday, January 23, 1999, at 11:00am, in Meeting Room A, of the Parkside Hall (Old San Jose Convention Center), corner of Park and Market Streets, in downtown San Jose'. Any and all ANA Club Representatives and District Delegates within California and Hawaii, knowing the time and travel distances will restrict some, are welcomed to attend this 'gathering', which will be less-than-an hour in length. This 'gathering' will be held during the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) 104th Convention, held on Friday through Sunday, January 22, 23, and 24, 1999, at the Parkside Hall. Inquiries as to this 'gathering', may be directed to "PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410" or telephoned to ANA District Delegate GORDON R. DONNELL at '510-526-0538'.

**Stanislaus County Coin Club** Reminds everyone of its new meeting location: "Dennys, 1525 McHenry Avenue, in downtown Modesto". SCCC President DOUG DANIELS ended the 1998 year for the SCCC with his presentation of Presidents Awards to the following SCCC members: MIKE TANDY, HAL DEBOARD, GREG 'MOOSE' BOREIO, JOAN and AL ALVAREZ, LAURIE HEFNER, LES SCHOOLCRAFT, ANDREA GRIFFITH, CHRIS YONAN, GEORGE BAKER, VALERIE HEFNER, and GEORGE VETTERLE. In addition, there was one special recognition, 'Member-of-the-Year': Who? From the SCCC December 1998 THE GOLD STRIKE!: "Notice Someone Missing? [From the names aforementioned] It is our 'Member-of-the-Year'. Week-in, week-out, this member tirelessly takes the Club's notes and mails THE GOLD STRIKE at his own expense. During the Show, he was a human octopus, doing eight jobs at once! Now, he even helps with the Auction. Has been on many committees. This Club could use more members like him. Figured It Out Yet? 'Member-of-the-Year' goes to: GARY STAGNO." SCCC President DONG DANIELS did an outstanding recognition in the December 1998 THE GOLD STRIKE with these President's Awards: each member was listed with specifics and a most sincere commendation.

**Greater Houston Coin Club** Writes that is no longer exchanging its monthly DOUBLE SHIFT with other coin clubs across this nation, a practice it followed for many years. Coin Clubs may still write to the GHCC, and the Club continues to meet on the "Second Thursday, at 7:30pm, at St. Paul Presbyterian Church, 7200 Bellaire Blvd., in Houston". Best Wishes To Our Fellow Coin Hobbyists in The Lone Star State!



**Livermore Valley Coin Club** Ended its 1998 year with a Potluck Dinner at its December 15, 1998 meeting. The December newsletter listed all the 'losers' in this Club's Attendance Drawing, twelve names! Many being well-known and active coin hobbyists here in northern California. Your Editor will not republish the listing. The October 20, 1998 meeting had longtime LVCC booster CHUCK WHITE talk on 'Buying and Selling on Ebay', at which CHUCK is a specialist. KEN BARR won the contest question to what organization has a periodical titled THE FARE BOX. It is the American Vecturist Association (AVA)!

**Fremont Coin Club** Lists its Exhibit Winners at its August 1998 Coin Show, and they were: STAN TURRINI, Ron Miller Award (Best of Show), for the second year in a row, GLENN JACOB, Peoples' Choice, BRIITA EHLERS, First Place, and ROGER LYLES, Second Place. Speaking of the FCC Show, the date for the Fremont Coin Club's next Show will be 'Sunday, August 22, 1999', at the Fremont Elks Lodge, and this will be the FCC Twenty-Seventh (27th) Annual Coin Show. The Annual Installation Dinner has been set for Sunday, January 10, 1999, and the following 1999 Officers will be installed at this Annual Dinner, and they are: BRIITA EHLERS, President, IRIS ATKINSON, First Vice-President, 'BO' ATKINSON, Second Vice-President, DON EHLERS, Treasurer, SANDY JAEKEL, Recording Secretary, and no Corresponding Secretary. The FCC ended its 1998 year with an Year-Ending Party at its December 8, 1998, which had Santa Claus present and free gifts to the first twenty-five (25) youngsters visiting the meeting. THE DOUBLE EAGLE, the FCC's monthly newsletter, has had a most interesting appeal, printed in bold type: "We are interested in getting more people involved in our hobby. It would be nice if you could bring a neighbor, a friend, or some family member to a regular Club meeting. This will allow you to share the fun and education of coin collecting. As you know, the price-is-right: FREE! Better-Than-Most TV!" How True!

**San Francisco Coin Club** Heard new member and Vice-President-Elect DAVE EVANS speak, at the SFCC November 24, 1998 meeting, on his relatively recent entry into the coin hobby. His provocative insights and ideas were reproduced in the December TWO CENTS WORTH, the SFCC monthly newsletter; these were: "1. Trust your instincts and collect what you love. Let your passion be your guide. 2. Educate yourself on the subject. 3. Keep your eyes open all the time. You never know what you're looking for until you see it. 4. Don't be intimidated by a limited budget. Your dollar goes a lot further when you buy things secondhand. 5. Try trades. Talk to dealers about payment plans. 6. If it's valuable and you question the grade, get it slabbed. Have the dealer guarantee the grade or take it back. Dealer pays for the slabbing. 7. Take your time. The search is the best part. 8. Keep records/want lists with price range, comparisons with what you bought and price of recently sold items. 8. Consider using a post office box for your mail correspondence, and 9. Consider a home safe or safe deposit box". Nice Ideas! Let Your Editor add Point Ten: '10. Join-a-coin club!'. The SFCC joined the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society (PCNS) on December 22, 1998 for their joint Holiday Party, with SFCC Treasurer HANS HANSSON cooking another great turkey!

**Cupertino Coin Club** Heard at the November 13, 1998 meeting from the 'Unknown Coin Dealer', namely CCC Treasurer BRUCE BRAGA, who "talked on his metamorphosis from a coin collector to coin dealer. Spurred on by a 'collection-space-reduction-request' by his wife, BRUCE started selling coins at show, picking-up the necessary paraphernalia (lamps, cases, etc) along the way, and eventually requiring even more room for his growing business! BRUCE's main point was that dealers have to buy coins at 'the-right-price' in order to cover overhead expenses and hopefully turn-a-profit. Thanks, BRUCE, for this view of the hobby 'from the other side of the bourse table'. The CCC sadly reports that its immediate Past President, and great booster, ACE ESTES, with his wife Cory, "have relocated to Fresno (aka 'Frezzzzzznooooo' to the locals)". The October 9, 1998 meeting was this Club's Annual Youth Night, with an attendance of forty-four (44) present "including out-of-Stater RON ISHIZAKI visiting from Florida, who got trapped to call the auction, given the normal auctioneer's sinusitis". A Simple Coin Quiz ended the November 1998 COIN PRESS, the CCC's monthly newsletter; try this one: "What government issued the Confederate States of America Half Dollar?" Any Guess? Or about this brain-teaser: "What color is the cover of the RED BOOK?" Demanding Thought! Thanks To KEN BARR, the CCC's Editor.



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**Fresno Numismatic Society** Reports that its Secretary DENNIS SOLIDAY has been recuperating from a heart attack last October 29, 1998, and the FNS wishes him full and swift recovery, as the November 1998 FRESNO NUMISMATIST reported "Dennis is a most considerate, caring, and dedicated person, who devotes what he can to our Society". Speedy Recovery, DENNIS. The FNS concluded the 1998 year with its Holiday Banquet last December 8, 1998 at Fresno's Basque Hotel Restaurant, which also included the FNS's annual solicitation for the local 'Toys-For-Tots', an annual activity of the FNS for many years. This Society has two meeting locations: its Second Tuesday evenings, at 7:30pm, are held at "University Presbyterian Church, 1776 East Roberts" and its Fourth Sundays, at 1:30pm, are at "Beverly Park Club House, 2970 East Weldon Avenue", both in Fresno, California. The Fourth Sunday meetings always have Bingo.

**Sacramento Valley Coin Club** Reports a succesful Fall 1998 Coin Show which "attracted over thirteen hundred (1300) registered attendees". Among the "notable quests, SCOTT TRAVERS, American Numismatic Association (ANA) Vice-President, deserves a special thank-you for serving as our guest speaker and for providing the Show with two well-attended seminars. In spite of a cancelled flight, a plane overfueling incident in Utah, and other smaller hiccups, SCOTT did manage to make his way to the Show and make it a success!". The SVCC held its Annual Installation Dinner on Wednesday, January 13, 1999 at Sacramento's Spaghetti Factory. In the September and October 1998 Issues of the SVCC NEWSLETTER, SVCC Member MERLE COOVER published a two-part series on 'Historic Russia and Its Coinage', very complete. Excellent Research and Writing!

**San Jose Coin Club** Reports that it too has lost ARDEN 'ACE' ESTES: "Due to job requirements, Club President ARDEN ESTES, has moved to Fresno, California. ARDEN has resigned as Club President and Vice-President AL LO has been elevated to Presidency to finish-out ARDEN's term. ARDEN has been a great asset to the San Jose Coin Club. He served on the Board of Directors for a number of years and was Club President for two years: last year and a half this year he has served as President. ARDEN always helped-out at the other Club functions. He would help at the Annual Picnics; he would help-out at the Annual Show. He helped move the NCNA [Northern California Numismatic Association] cases that our Club bought a couple of years ago. He even kept an 'eye-on' the Club's locker. Thank You, ARDEN, for these and all the other things that you did for the Club". The SJCC October 21, 1998 meeting was the SJCC's Giant Auction: "There was lots of good stuff for KEN BARR and VIC LAZZARO to auction-off that night. Not everything found a new home, still the quality and selection were there for the members to look-over. The bidding did get lively at times. After this meeting's Giant Auction, the highlight was GORDON R. DONNELL, as the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) President, presenting one 1998 Miller Medal, NCNA's highest honor, to longtime SJCC booster, ED SINS". Folks, Your Editor always learns in reading and reviewing the numerous club periodicals that he receives; here is one from the September 1998 SJCC monthly newsletter, for toning of coins: "A coin soaked in dandruff shampoo, for a couple of days, can produce green, yellow, and brown colors". Yeah, Just A Report!

**Gateway Coin Club** Reports that its Twenty-Sixth (26th) Annual Expo will be on 'Sunday, June 13, 1999, at Merced's Community Senior Center, at Fifteenth (15th) and O Streets, in downtown Merced'. This Show's hours will be 10:00am to 5:00pm, and a thirty-two table bourse is anticipated. There will also be both competitive and noncompetitive exhibits. Information as to this Show, may be contacted via "PO Box 3101, Merced, California, 95344-3101" or waxing JOEL ANDERSON at '209-722-5426'. Changing from the coin hobby news, the GCC noted that GRACE ANDERSON and VANESSA HOFMANN, both youngsters of two of the GCC's strongest activists, play girls soccer with the Merced's Angels, a under-15 age team, in the Merced's City League Soccer Teams: "GRACE played goalie and VANESSA center halfback, two key positions! The Angels had a kind of 'so-so' season: they played only a bit more than .500 ball, but their losses were close and in those they often played short-handed...in the Finals every team member was present and they pretty-well dominated a Livingston team 2-0 for the Championship, the same team that they, Angels, lost to by a single goal three weeks before while playing again short-handed! Congratulations to GRACE and VANESSA!". Future Soccer Stars and Supreme Coin Hobby Activists!



**Solano Silver Round Club** Elected its 1999-2000 Officers, and they are: STAN TURRINI, President, JOE SIROIS, Vice-President, DR. RODNEY W. BAKER, Treasurer, and JAN D. HENKE, Secretary, who also is Editor of the SSRC's monthly SILVER NOTES. Although this Club is dedicate to silver, its President STAN TURRINI broke the tradition and displayed, the only Show 'n Tell at the October 9, 1998 meeting, a piece of authentic coal from the HMS Titanic, a gift from a former student now serving in the United States Marines. The SRCC held its Annual Holiday Party last December 10, 1998 at Fairfield's Pietro's Restaurant. A nice group attended this social.

**Fairfield Coin Club** Has been busy these past few months: American Numismatic Association (ANA) President ANTHONY J. SWIATEK visited its September 27, 1998 Ninth (9th) Annual Fairfield Coin Show, at which these were the exhibitor winners: LEE H. GONG, 'Bicentennial Error Coins and Currency', Swiatek Exhibit Award, JAN D. HENKE, 'Covered Bridges of Madison (Iowa) County', Peoples' Choice, and STAN TURRINI, with 'The Carnegie Medal' and 'Small Size Red-Seal Two Dollar Notes', respectively Best of Show Exhibit Award and President's Exhibit Award. The October 28, 1998 meeting was this Club's Annual George Flannagan Memorial Auction, which had the team of MIKE STANLEY and STAN TURRINI doing the auctioneering, and the November 25, 1998, STAN TURRINI showed slides taken at the August 1998 ANA Convention. The FCC joined the neighboring Vallejo Numismatic Society for its Twelfth (12th) Joint Christmas Party at Fairfield's Anheuser-Busch Brewery. At this Party, the FCC honored SANDY BEARDEN with its most esteemed award, the Rich Neily Award, and she joins JAN D. HENKE, GEORGE FLANNAGAN, STAN TURRINI, JOE SIROIS, RON KELICHNER, CRAIG BLACKWOOD, ERNEST DRAKE, and BILL BARTZ, as the previous honorees. SANDY also was presented the two groups' special Joint Plaque at this Joint Christmas Party. A Double Honor For Her! Some eighty-nine (89) members and guests attended this annual joint event, which had DR. WALTER A. OSTROMECKI, Jr. as the Master of Ceremonies. The annual Mega-Drawing took-in \$1425.00, and there were more Door Prizes than individuals present! A special guest was PETER IRION, of Vermont, who was in the area on business and join the group, leaving most impressed! The FCC reports that its Tenth (10th) Annual Fairfield Coin Show will be on 'Sunday, December 12, 1999, at the Fairfield Community Center, in downtown Fairfield, California'. Other coin clubs are asked to note this date change. Publicity will be mailed shortly.

**Vallejo Numismatic Society** Held its Fifth (5th) Annual Maxine M. Hopperstad White Elephant Auction at its year-ending December 2, 1998 meeting and earned a record \$871.00, with more money still to come! All the money earned in this annual white elephant auction goes to local efforts at youth coin hobby enhancement. Other recent VNS meeting activities have been: September 2, 1998 SYD KASS, 'Collecting Currency', October 2, 1998, ANA Convention Night, with 'The Three Mikes', MIKE STANLEY, MIKE TURRINI, and MIKE FIORE, and November 4, 1998, DR. RODNEY W. BAKER, 'Primer on Mexican Numismatics'. Going back to September, the VNS with the neighboring Redwood Empire Coin Club, of Santa Rosa, California, held their joint 'Commemorative Night' at American Canyon's Palby's Restaurant, American Numismatic Association (ANA) President ANTHONY J. SWIATEK was the special guest at this unique event, and at this event the newest numismatic collector fraternal group was introduced: the 'Numismatic Coasters'. This exclusive membership claims some of the most important coin hobbyists here in northern California. This group is both entertaining and educating. At this same Commemorative Night, President SWIATEK again presented the ANA President's Award to JAN D. HENKE, making JAN the only individual to have the Award presented twice. The VNS elected new Officers, and they are: HARRY DAVIS President, DR. RODNEY W. BAKER, Vice-President, STAN TURRINI, Treasurer, and IRENE CARRILLO, Secretary. The VNS will celebrate in April 1999 its Forty-Fifth (45th) Anniversary, 1954-1999, and will hold on 'Sunday, June 27, 1999, its Twenty-Seventh (27th) Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show, at Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, in Vallejo, California'. This one-day Show will also host meetings of our Association, the Solano Silver Round Club, and the Western Wooden Money Club. This Show is a full-day event and has a Youth Table and CONECA (Combined Organization of Numismatic Error Collectors of America) Table. Admission is FREE; but, there is a nominal parking charge of \$2.00 within Dan Foley Park.



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**Redwood Empire Coin Club** First and foremost, Congratulations To The Redwood Empire Coin Club of Santa Rosa, California, that this March will commemorate its Golden Jubilee Fiftieth (50th) Anniversary, 1949-1999. The RECC deserves the commendation of all coin hobbyists and fellow coin clubs in our State. Again, Congratulations to The RECC. Begin Your Next Fifty Years With The Best Wishes! The November 11, 1998 meeting, in addition to the festive foods provided by LEE H. GONG, current President MERLE AVILA had three special presentations: "HELEN ROBERTS was presented a plaque for her 'decades of tireless service to the Club'. December 1998 will mark here twenty-fifth (25th) anniversary with the RECC! Next was a plaque given to 'In Honor of CHARLIE CATLETT For The Best Club Newsletter Ever Written'...There was also a plaque for LEE GONG, for his tireless and unending work [How True, Your Editor] for the Club. Those present gave LEE a hearty and well-deserved round of loud applause". CHARLIE CATLETT went on to list, in the November RECC newsletter, those members who have contributed to the Club's recent success: MERLE AVILA, ROY ROBERTS, STEVE TITMUS, NEAL CONNER, HOWARD JABOBS, FRANK VILLALON, and JACK BEYMER, plus distant members, MIKE STANLEY, STAN TURRINI, JAN HENKE, BILL BARTZ, and GORDON DONNELL. The RECC ended 1998 with A Dessert Night at its December 9, 1998 meeting. The RECC reminds that its special Fiftieth (50th) Anniversary Coin Show will be on "Saturday and Sunday, March 27 and 28, 1999, in the E.L. Finley Building, on the Sonoma County Fairgrounds, in Santa Rosa". Same location as previous years, but a different building.

**Pacific Coast Numismatic Society** First and foremost, Congratulations To The Pacific Coast Numismatic Society (PCNS), of San Francisco, California, that this July will celebrate its One Thousandth (1000th) Meeting! The PCNS beginning 1915 and has continued to this year, with soon one thousand meetings! The PCNS deserves the commendation of all coin hobbyists and fellow coin club in our State. All that has been planned to date is to hold the traditional June banquet in July so as to coincide with the actual 1000th meeting. STEPHEN HUSTON presented "a wonderful, detailed slide show of portraiture on coinage from the earliest times to the Medieval Period. It was educational and somewhat distressing to see the magnificent coins of the Classical Greeks decline over the next thousand years to little more than dots and lines which attempted to represent portraits during the 'Dark Ages'". The October 28, 1998 meeting heard longtime PCNS booster LARRY REPPETEAU talk on a very scholarly subject, the 18th Century short-lived English periodical and its medalettes : 'The Sentimental Magazine and Its Thirteen Medalettes'. Earlier at the September 23, 1998 meeting, another longtime PCNS booster FRANK STRAZZARINO, talk on the famous 'China Clipper', the Pan-American airplane flying across the Pacific in the 1930s, out of San Francisco. The PCNS joined neighboring San Francisco Coin Club to end the year with a joint Party on December 22, 1998.

**Liberty Numismatic Society** Reports that an outstanding \$1500.00 plus was earned with its famous October 6, 1998 Annual Book Auction: "Outstanding auctioneer STEPHEN HUSTON played a big part in helping to turn a mound of numismatic books and catalogs into a fun evening and loads of cash for the Treasury...Several people also made a great contribution through their substantial purchases at this annual Book Auction. In particular, the Society thanks KEN BARR, KIRBY BROWN, DAVID EVANS, VINCE LACARIERE, HOWARD WHEELER, and CHUCK WHITE, the man at the front table behind the mountain of books and coin albums. Last, but not least, thanks are due to Secretary GENE HOY, Treasurer GORDON DONNELL, and the 'runners' JIM ROSEN and TOM LOVELACE for their hard work during this Auction". Here is a numismatic tidbit from the December LNS monthly newsletter: "One of the most respected symbols of peace is the dove. This small bird is widely recognized as a messenger of the air and winged embodiment of mankind's most noble desire--Peace. Two examples of coins honoring doves are the Vatican City One Hundred (100) Lire coins of 1970-1977 and the Canada Centennial One Cent of 1967. The stainless steel Vatican coin dates to the Papacy of Paul VI and depicts a dove in flight carrying and olive branch in its beak. The bronze Canadian Cent, with mintage of 345,140,645, features an unusual wings-spread rendition of the rock dove and was hoarded at the time of distribution".



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**Delta Coin Club** Enjoyed the visit by American Numismatic Association (ANA) President ANTHONY J. SWIATEK at its special Friday, September 25, 1998 meeting held at Stockton's Eagles Hall. President Swiatek began his whirlwind three day visit to the area with the Delta Coin Club, later the joint 'Commemorative Night' of the Redwood Empire Coin Club and Vallejo Numismatic Society, on the following Saturday, September 26, 1998, and the Fairfield Coin Club's Coin Show, on Sunday, September 27, 1998. DR. WALTER A. OSTROMECKI, Jr., of Encino, California, also joined the festivities and served as the Master of Ceremonies for this special gathering. There were several presentations: Your Editor was officially appointed as the Region 8 new Regional Coordinator; several DCC members received special Certificates of Commendation signed by President SWIATEK, and they were: NORM PRUITT, JUNE WILLSON, KATHY HIRNING, BEE GRIMM, LORIS ENZMINGER, EDWARD CARMAN, SYD KASS, KEVIN MALOY, STAN TURRINI, and MIKE STANLEY. The highlight presentation was the latest ANA President's Award to JAN D. HENKE, of the Fairfield, California. JAN joins fellow DCC members who have been honored with this national award, and they are: GORDON R. DONNELL, MIKE STANLEY, SYD KASS, and STAN TURRINI. Nearly seventy (70) members and guests attended this historic festive event, which almost did not have its guest of honor or Master of Ceremonies, due to repeated flight delays and disruptions at the San Francisco Airport. Thanks to transportation expert, MIKE STANLEY, both President SWIATEK and DR. OSTROMECKI did make it, albeit somewhat late. The next big event for the DCC will be its Annual Dinner on Friday, January 8, 1999, at which Your Editor has the honor of serving its Master of Ceremonies and Bingo Caller.

**Peninsula Coin Club** Thanks these members who helped this year's Show, in conflict with a major commercial show, still be a success, and they are: DICK SMITH, DON and WENDY BARS, JIM SOUTHWARD, VINCE LACARIERE, RICH DOUGLAS, DAVID EVANS, RICHARD SHUSTERMAN, and MARK GEALY. The PCC also expressed special thanks to STAN TURRINI and JOHN BROWN "for their very generous financial donations to the Club". The PCC continues to meet in the 'Palo Alto Eks Lodge, upstairs Board Room, 4249 El Camino Real, in downtown Palo Alto, on the Second Monday, at 7:45pm'.

**Diablo Numismatic Society** Has several of its members in the past few months honored, and they are: JAMES LAIRD, with District 17 Jaycees's Mary Clemons Memorial Award, STAN TURRINI, appointed new American Numismatic Association (ANA) Region 8 Coordinator plus winning two exhibit awards at the September 27, 1998 Fairfield Coin Show, JAN D. HENKE, with the ANA President's Award, BILL BARTZ, with the neighboring Vallejo Numismatic Society's Service Medal, MIKE FIORE, special ANA Certificate of Appreciation, and MIKE STANLEY, with the Northern California Numismatic Association's Miller Medal, one of two presented in 1998. The DNS ended the year with its Annual Holiday Party at JAMES and LISA LAIRD's rural home in Alamo, California. MIKE and NANCY STANLEY did the cooking with a great turkey and all the 'fixings'. Other recent DNS activities have been: JOHN RUSSELL, talking on the 'Thrill of Victory' at the August 20, 1998 meeting, MIKE STANLEY and MIKE FIORE--Two of 'The Three Mikes'--talking on the their American Numismatic Association (ANA) Convention experiences at the September 17, 1998 meeting, and November 29, 1998 was the Society's Second Annual Contra Costa Coin Show.

**Reno Coin Club** After a hiatus of several years, the Reno Coin Club has rejoined our Association, as Club Member #C47. Its monthly newsletter is now titled THE RENO CARTWHEEL, and Your Editor received the December 1998 issue. At the November 3rd meeting, RCC Member PETE PLATH spoke on the Buffalo Nickel Series: "his talk was interesting but the most fascinating part was that he brought in a complete collection. These were all housed in third-party graded holders and most of the coins were in Mint State!...PETE also brought in a 1918 over 1917D Buffalo which was a counterfeit. His collection had a real one in AU...The Club graciously thanks PETE for his outstanding presentation. If anyone missed that meeting, he or she missed a truly great one!". Our fellow coin club in The Silver State will hold its Annual Awards and Presentation Dinner at Reno's Peppermill Hotel and Casino on January 19, 1999. Best Wishes To The RCC!



# COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

These coin show listings are provided as a service to the numismatic community by the Northern California Numismatic Association. Show listings are updated quarterly and are available without cost to member Coin Clubs. If you would like to have a show listed, please send all pertinent information to: Fred G. van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306.

- Jan.22-24, 1999 SAN JOSE. San Jose Coin Club Annual Show, "OLD" San Jose Convention Center, Park Avenue and Market Street, San Jose. Bourse: Dean Alfred. P.O, Box 5621, San Jose, Ca. 95150. Admission \$1.
- Feb.26-28, 1999 OAKLAND. Token Jamboree 1998, Western States Token Society, Oakland Airport Hilton Hotel, 1 Hegenberger Rd., Oakland, Ca. Bourse/Information: Duane Feisel, P.O. Box 212, Shingletown, Ca. 96088 (530) 547-3447
- Feb. 28, 1999 LIVERMORE. Livermore Valley Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore. Bourse: Howard Kosanke, (510) 449-1973.
- Mar. 6-7, 1999 EUREKA. Eureka Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, 3750 Harris Street, Eureka. Bourse: (707) 442-1106.
- Mar. 12-4, 1999 SACRAMENTO. A.N.A. National Money Show, Convention Center, 1400 "J" Street, Sacramento.
- June 13, 1999 MERCED. Gateway Coin Club 26th Anniversary Coin Show Merced Senior Community Center, 15th and "O" Street, Merced. Bourse: Joel Anderson, P.O. Box 3101, Merced, Ca. 95344. Phone: (209) 722-5426 Admission \$1
- June 27, 1999 VALLEJO. Vallejo Numismatic Society Annual Show, Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Tuolumne St. & End North Camino Alto, Vallejo. Bourse: Bill Bartz, P.O. Box 4281, Vallejo, Ca. 94590.
- July 17-8, 1999 MODESTO. Stanislaus County Coin Club 10th Coin Show, Modesto Centre Plaza, 1000 "L" Street, Modesto. Bourse: Sandy Woodward, P.O. Box 355, Turlock, Ca. 95381
- July 30-Aug. 1 1999 CONCORD. NorCal Invitational Coin Show \*("N.C.N.A.")  
\*[Formerly N.C.N.A. Jack Tar/Cathedral Hill Show].  
Concord Sheraton Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive off Concord Avenue and interstate 680, Concord. Bourse Info: Vince Lacariere (510) 792-1511
- Sept. 19, 1999 ALAMEDA. Alameda Coin Club Coin Show, Alameda Elk's Lodge, 2255 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda. Bourse: Don Barsi, P.O. Box 7989, Fremont, Ca. 94537.
- Dec. 12, 1999 FAIRFIELD. Fairfield Coin Club Annual Coin Show. Fairfield Community Center, Assembly Room, 1100 Kentucky at Pennsylvania, Fairfield. Bourse: Bill Bartz, P.O. Box 944, Fairfield, Ca. 94533.